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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, petition of Thomas M. Stanley relative to the filing of charter school applications and the approval process by the Board of Education. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out sub-  
3 section (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsec-  
4 tion:—

5 (g) An application submitted for the establishment of a com-  
6 monwealth charter school shall (1) be submitted to the board of  
7 education for approval pursuant to this section (2) be filed with  
8 the local school committee for the school district in which the  
9 charter school is located and (3) be submitted to the local legisla-  
10 tive body and chief executive officer of the municipality in which  
11 the proposed commonwealth charter school for approval. If the  
12 local legislative body and chief executive officer do not approve  
13 the application then it is deemed denied.

14 Before final approval to establish a commonwealth charter  
15 school the board of education with a majority of its members pre-  
16 sent shall hold a public hearing on said application in the munici-  
17 pality in which the proposed charter school is to be located. The  
18 board shall solicit and review comments on the application from  
19 the local school committee for the school district in which said  
20 charter school is to be located. Unless a majority of the members  
21 of the board of education are present at the public hearing. The  
22 application for a commonwealth charter school shall be deemed  
23 denied.